

CITY OF MIAMI BEACH
Office of the City Manager
Letter to Commission No. 074-2004



To: Richard Steinberg
City Commissioner

Date: April 2, 2004

From: Jorge M. Gonzalez
City Manager

Subject: **FIREBOAT**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to Jorge M. Gonzalez.

The Fire Chief and his staff have reviewed the proposal to add a Fireboat to the Fire Department's Fleet of Emergency Response Apparatus. In general, Fire Department personnel believe that a Fireboat could enhance their ability to mitigate water emergencies. However, the cost for maintenance, staffing, training and security may be excessive. When considering the low volume of calls where a fireboat may have contributed in mitigating water incidents, and the availability of watercrafts from the Coast Guard, Beach Patrol, and other jurisdictions, the additional cost may not be warranted at this time.

If you need additional information, please let me know.

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